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SUBJ: FONMIN BATRES' PRESS COMMENTS ON
HONDURAS-EL SALVADOR NEGOTIATIONS

1. FONMIN BATRES COMMENTED ON PRESS SPECULATION CONCERNING HONDURAS-SALVADOR NEGOTIATIONS IN AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE SEPTEMBER 17 EDITION OF TIEMPO. HE STRONGLY CRITICIZED STORIES AND EDITORIALS IN RECENT EDITIONS OF LA PRENSA AND LA NOTICIA WHICH IMPLIED THAT THE GOH WOULD ACCEPT SEVERAL MILLION LEMPIRAS IN EXCHANGE FOR A BORDER SETTLEMENT INJURIOUS TO HONDURAS INTERESTS. HE SAID THAT THE COMMENTS OF THE TWO PAPERS ARE CHARACTERISTIC OF THEIR ANTI-GOVERNMENT POSITION. BATRES POINTED OUT THAT SUCH INSINUATIONS MAKE THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS WITH EL SALVADOR MORE DIFFICULT AND IS INJURIOUS TO HONDURAS' INTERESTS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE PEOPLE SHOULD TRUST THE GOVERNMENT RATHER THAN THE "YELLOW ANTI-GOVERNMENT" PRESS.

2. BATRES REJECTED THE VIEW THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD NOT INFORMED THE PEOPLE THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE TAKING PLACE WITH EL SALVADOR. HE COMMENTED HE HAD SAID ON
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SEVERAL OCCASIONS THE HONDURAN PEOPLE WOULD BE COMPLETELY

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INFORMED ABOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS WHEN THE PROPER
MOMENT ARRIVES. HE OBSERVED THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH
EL SALVADOR ARE VERY COMPLICATED AND THAT IT WOULD BE
UNWISE TO ANNOUNCE ANY PARTIAL RESULTS UNTIL A TOTAL
AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED.
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